HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: 1775 Swann Street, NW Agenda

Landmark/District: **Dupont Circle Historic District X** Consent Calendar

X Concept Review
Alteration

Meeting Date: July 22, 2021

H.P.A. Number: 21-367

Staff Reviewer: Steve Callcott

X New Construction

Demolition Subdivision

Architect John Linan Jr., representing 1775 Swann LLC, seeks on-going conceptual design review for construction of a three-story plus penthouse residential building on a vacant site in the Dupont Circle Historic District.

At the June meeting, the Board found the concept to be compatible with the character of the Dupont Circle Historic District, with the conditions that: 1) the wood fence at the entrance should be redesigned (as it appeared more like a rear yard fence than a fence appropriate for a front entrance); 2) the side entrance be made more prominent and visible from the sidewalk; and 3) a greater dimension of brick be provided at the front corner adjacent to the projecting bay.

Revised Proposal

The plans have been revised as requested. The wood fence has been designed to relate to the painted wood panel detailing on the building's projecting bay and parapet, a projecting canopy provided at the front door with halo-lit channel numbers on the side of the canopy facing the street, and the projecting bay moved one foot east to provide a more substantial brick corner. The window sills have been revised from brick to stone.

Recommendation

HPO recommends that the Review Board find the revised concept compatible with the character of the Dupont Circle Historic District and consistent with the purposes of the preservation act, and delegate final approval to staff.